

MASONIC LODGES JOIN IN SERVICES

They Unite in Observance of Festival of St. John, the Evangelist.

PRESENT CLOCK TO-NIGHT

Petersburg Veterans Remembered at Christmas by Their Northern Friends.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, Telephone 1155, Petersburg, Va., December 27.

The three Masonic lodges in this city united to-night in the observance of the festival of St. John the Evangelist. The celebration was under the auspices of Powhatan Lodge, with Blandford and Petersburg Lodges joining. After the ceremonies in the lodge room a banquet was served in the dining hall.

The Clock Presentation.
The beautiful clock given by the members of the Massachusetts delegation to the Petersburg monument dedication on November 13 to A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, in appreciation of their services, was presented to the lodge to-night. The clock, which is a masterpiece of art, will be the recipient of special courtesies while here.

Pretty Home Wedding.
Last evening, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowles, on Oakdale Avenue, Miss Lilly Tucker, sister of Mrs. Bowles, was married to Arthur Duell. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large gathering of friends by Rev. H. C. Gregory, of the Methodist Church. The double parlor was beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, holly and cedar. The bride wore a traveling suit of blue cloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried white carnations. Her attendant as maid of honor was Miss Lillian Wood, and the bridegroom's attendant and best man was William Duell. The wedding was a very pretty home event.

Death of Mrs. Moody.
Mrs. Joseph S. Moody died at an early hour this morning at her home on Grove Avenue, after a long period of ill health and suffering. She was well known and much respected. Besides her husband, she is survived by seven children, as follows: Mrs. W. A. Belcher, Mrs. Stephen Archer, Misses Nora, Ethel and Annie and William and John Moody, all of this city. The funeral of Mrs. Maude L. Evans, wife of Thomas Evans, who died at the home of her mother, in Richmond, took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The funeral party came over in special cars from Richmond.

Death and Birth Report.
The report of the Health Department for the month ending December 25 shows a very gratifying decrease in the rate of mortality, as compared with previous months. There were thirty-eight deaths in the city—nineteen whites and nineteen colored—against fifty for the corresponding month of last year. Of the decedents ten were under five years of age and one was over eighty years. The number of bodies brought from other points to the city for burial was thirteen, and the number sent away was five. Among the causes assigned for death were: Tuberculosis, 8; pneumonia, 2; accident, 2. Eight deaths were certified by the coroner.

Christmas Remembrances.
Major-General Stith Bolling, commanding the Virginia Division, United Confederate Veterans, was the recipient of a great many Christmas remembrances from Federal and Confederate veterans all over the country.

Confederate veterans here were kindly remembered in many ways by their comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in the North, many of whom had visited and received courtesies in Petersburg.

News in Brief.
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Branch, both of Petersburg, were married in Washington this week.

Cummins's poolroom, at the foot of Sycamore Street, was broken into on Christmas night and robbed of fireworks and other goods. Several small boys were arrested to-day on suspicion of having committed the robbery.

Myron T. Perdue, who was charged by Adjutant Woods, of the Salvation Army, with having appropriated to himself property intended for the army, was discharged in the Police Court this morning, proof being insufficient to hold the accused.

The carriage manufactory of W. M. Lewis & Bro., on Sycamore Street, was entered a night or two ago through a rear door and robbed of half a dozen or more buggy robes and other articles.

The Salvation Army last night gave out shoes to seventy-eight children and distributed another large installment to-day. Next week clothing will be distributed to many needy ones.

In Washington this afternoon Miss Nellie Jones Cameron, of this city, and Arthur Edward James, of Crewe, were wedded. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Cameron, of this city, and has many friends here.

Miss Bettie O. Swaney, one of the best known public teachers in the city, is a patient at the Petersburg Hospital, suffering with pneumonia.

May Go to Supreme Court.

A motion for a new trial in the suit of Jacob & Mullon, of New York, vs. the Groesman Seed and Supply Company, of this city, in which a verdict was rendered in favor of the defendant company, will be argued in January. In view of the money and the delicate question of law involved in this suit it is not improbable that the case will go up to the Supreme Court for final decision.

Inge-Myers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 27.—At the home of Mrs. Oscar E. Sams, pastor of Rivermont Avenue Church, this afternoon, Miss Martha Myers and William A. Inge were married. The bride is a daughter of T. H. Myers, of Harrisonburg, and has been making her home here with relatives for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Inge left this afternoon for a trip to Richmond, Norfolk and Baltimore, after which they will reside in Lynchburg.

Scarlet Fever Spreading.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 27.—The Lynchburg Health Department is not a little concerned over the spread of scarlet fever here within the past few weeks. There are now twenty cases in quarantine, and three deaths have occurred in the past six days, bringing the total for the month up to five. The department is taking steps to make the quarantine more rigid, and some prosecutions are expected to take place in the near future. The authorities do not expect to see the malady attain the epidemic stage.

Workmen Fall 100 Feet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., December 27.—Henry Dunlop, a carpenter, and two negroes were seriously injured by falling from the eighth story of the new Union Depot building. Dunlop probably will die. It is said the accident was caused by the fireproofing shielding the terra-cotta cornice giving away precipitating the men to the street 100 feet below.

LIQUOR QUESTION VEXES CONGRESS

Effort Will Be Made to Give Full Protection to "Dry" Territory.

BILLS ARE BEING PREPARED

Forces Are Aligned for Fight That Will Be Long and Bitter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 27.—Will Congress at the present session tackle the liquor question? Will there be an effort to pass a law that will absolutely shut off the shipment of intoxicating liquors into those States and Territories where prohibition prevails? It is recognized that this is one of the hardest propositions that the lawmakers ever faced; on the one hand, they are being sought on every hand to pass such a law without further delay, and on the other, the big and powerful whiskey interests are not asleep at the switch.

While Congress has had this problem before it for years, and efforts have been made to legislate on it without success, it is now proposed to begin an attack in both the House and Senate simultaneously which will put rum on the run. In the House the bill recently introduced by Congressman Sheppard, of Texas, makes illegal all contracts connected with whiskey transactions of any kind when they relate to prohibition territory. In the Senate the same measure will be fathered by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa.

The idea of reaching the situation and forever ridding the "dry" sections of the country of the sale of rum is a radical departure from that contained in such bills as the old one that was known before as the Hepburn-Dolliver bill. That measure was founded on the principle that the State should be given jurisdiction over a shipment of liquor into its borders. Such a bill once passed the House, but when it reached the Senate it got a full dose of the Constitution, and was effectively put to sleep.

Now it is proposed practically to make shipments into "dry" States absolutely contraband, and more than that, make the contracts unenforceable, so that the seller in Baltimore, New York, Louisville or elsewhere could not collect for his goods should the buyer not care to pay for them. This would leave the only practical method of disposing of them to sell for cash in advance.

Senator Kenyon has been securing the views of his colleagues and has been much encouraged at the prospect of seeing such a bill as he proposes pass at the present session. He is of the opinion that he will be able to line up enough votes to put it through, but at the same time, he realizes that he has no mean fight on hand.

Practically the entire membership of the Southern States will support the bill, both in the House and the Senate, because nearly all of that section is now denominated "dry," whether in fact it is so or not. Some other sections, however, will not be nearly so unanimous in asking their members to back the measure. The fight, therefore, will be a lively one when it starts, with the prohibitionists pushing forward to secure enactment of such a law, and the powerful whiskey interests behind the lines, hammering it back and knocking it into bits whenever they can get in a good blow.

P. H. McG.

Begin Work on Wool Bill.

Washington, December 27.—Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee will begin work to-morrow on the Republican wool bill, which is to follow the line of the Tariff Board's report. Representatives Hill, of Connecticut, and Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, called on President Taft to-day to discuss the matter with him.

Against Special Pensions.

Washington, December 27.—Senator Works, of California, will attempt to attach to the Sherwood pension bill a provision absolutely prohibiting any special pension bills, and making ineligible for pension any person who attempts to get special legislation. Senator Works hopes to stop the flood

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of special pensions which are passed by Congress at each session. In spite of the fact that the Senate Committee on Pensions is framing a substitute for the Sherwood bill, which would scale down the pensions proposed, the measure as it came from the House has found many supporters in the Senate who favor the "dollar a day" allowance.

VERY FEW ARE PRESENT AT TOBACCO FARMERS' MEETING

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 27.—The meeting of tobacco farmers, called for this city to-day and to-morrow, for the purpose of devising ways, if possible, to secure better prices for the better grades of dark loose leaf tobacco, did not attract the attendance that was hoped for by its promoters. No morning session was held on account of the

small crowd present at the Hill City Hall at the time scheduled for the first session, and it was decided to adjourn until 1 o'clock this afternoon.

It was nearly 2 o'clock when D. M. Gannaway, president of the Virginia Division of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Society, called the meeting together. At that time about twenty-five farmers were present.

Mr. Gannaway stated the object of the meeting to be to attempt to induce the Austrian and Italian governments to pay prices for the best qualities of tobacco that will enable the planters to grow it at a profit. Mr. Gannaway said the present prices on the lower grades of tobacco are not to be compared of, but that it was nothing more than robbery for the foreign governments to take the good grades at the prices now being paid. He scored the auction sales, and said some plan should be devised by the farmers for the marketing of their crops.

It was decided to meet again to-morrow morning, at which time a number of speakers are to be heard.

Marriage Licenses.

Washington, December 27.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: Luther E. Tyler and Eva J. Kerns, both of Fredericksburg, Va.; George G. Dalhouse, of Waynesboro, Va., and Nora Rhodes, of Charlottesville, Va.

Robert D. Johnson, Jr., and Annie L. Nolte, both of Richmond, Va.; James Downs and Charlie E. Trenay, both of Sterling, Va.; Thomas F. Filippo, of Paige, Va., and Alice H. Carter, of Upper Zion, Va.; Stiles Cole, of Dumfries, Va., and Canine M. Brent, of Stafford, Va.

Thomas H. Bower and Edna M. Russell, both of Richmond, Va.; John Blanton and Susie McWhirt, both of Spotsylvania county, Va.; John T. Kueber and Florence E. Maxey, both of Richmond, Va.

Fred C. Long and Susie P. Walker, both of Spotsylvania county, Va.; Walter H. Harrison, of Waynesboro, Pa., and Corinne M. Kendrick, of Bulltown, Va.

George Johnson and Katie Robinson, both of Fredericksburg, Va.; Louis W. Mason and Laura E. Harmon, both of Burke Station, Va.; Nick Rago and Ruth Farmer, both of Lynchburg, Va.

Arthur E. James, of Crewe, Va., and Nellie J. Cameron, of Petersburg, Va.; Earl B. Miller and Cora E. Harlow, both of Augusta Spring, Va.

Wallace C. Higgenbotham, of Bedford City, Va., and Margaret J. Johnson, of Albemarle, Va.; Lawrence H. Pearson and Marie P. Lanham, both of Albemarle, Va.

James W. Swart and Maud J. Langford, both of Albemarle, Va.; William I. Estes, of Gordonsville, Va., and Ellie H. Goodwin, of Rapidan, Va.

John A. Osborn, of Caroline county, Va., and Harry Johnson, of this city; William J. House and Nannie M. McNamee, both of Hampton, Va.

Edward G. Lanford, of Louisa county, Va., and Julia V. Gooch, of Fluvanna county, Va.

Samuel F. Cook and Alverine Penn, both of Hamilton, Va.; Jeter C. Alvie, of Gooseland county, Va., and Orpha M. Smith, of Chesterfield county, Va.

Virgil M. Covington, of Spotsylvania county, Va., and Laura D. Hicks, of Orange county, Va.

Bagby; Herbert Bumpass, worshipful master; C. E. Cox, senior warden; C. W. K. Saunders, junior warden; C. B. Jones, Jr., treasurer; C. A. Barnes, secretary; W. H. Puryear, senior deacon; Charles Stobbins, Jr., junior deacon; T. B. Trevillian, iller; H. D. Kerr is the retiring master.

Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Ehlers, of Washington, are guests of Mrs. Elliott DeJarnette.

Robert Paine, of Schenectady, N. Y., is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Alice Mayo.

Hishop and Mrs. Collins Denny, of Richmond, were guests to-day of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Hatcher.

E. E. Hartsock, Jr., has returned to West Virginia, after spending the holidays here.

Jennings Wise Hobson, of the Theological Seminary, was the guest of friends here Tuesday.

Stanley Blanton, of Richmond, recently visited friends here.

Miss Jane Gathright has returned to her home in Goodland, after a visit to Mrs. H. T. Gathright.

Clarence and Shirley Carter left this week on a hunting trip in upper Hanover county.

Elliot M. Jordan, of Florence, S. C., was here Tuesday visiting friends.

Professor and Mrs. R. B. Smith were guests of Mrs. C. C. Walker in Richmond on Monday.

Miss Julia Weisiger has returned from Wakefield, where she was the weekend guest of Mrs. John Owen.

Miss Estelle Smith, of Farmville, is visiting her brother, Professor R. B. Smith.

Misses Mary and Martha McCue, of Afton, are guests of their aunt, Mrs. Clyde Barnes.

Accidentally Shot and Killed.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Martinsville, Va., December 27.—Mrs. Reginald Jones, a well-known woman of the Bassett neighborhood, was accidentally struck by a spent bullet, supposedly from a rifle, early to-day and died instantly.

Mrs. Jones was in her yard dressing a squarer when the ball struck her in the back of the head. The shooting was plainly an accident, and it is not known who was responsible for it. Mrs. Jones leaves her husband and several children. She was a sister of John H. Stanley, of Martinsville.

Sent to Reform School.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Harrisonburg, Va., December 27.—This morning Harry and Walter McCrary, eleven and thirteen years old, were taken to the Laurel Reform School near Richmond. The boys are the ringleaders in a gang of outlaws and vandals who have been robbing and plundering about Harrisonburg. The boys were caught recently robbing a local grocery store. They are the same boys who stole a horse and buggy

in October to go chesnuting in the mountains. They were caught by telephone ten miles from town, the horse exhausted.

MRS. GILL'S BOYS

They'll Have One Big Time as Entertainment To-Day.

A vivid and realistic production of Christmas will be put on the boards this afternoon at 5 o'clock for the benefit of the boys of Mrs. Gill's Male Orphan Asylum, with S. Claus making the leading role and performing the generous acts usually accredited to him. The celebration will be held in the presence of the board of directors, headed by John L. Williams.

Instead of the usual simple Christmas tree, there will be a regular forest of cedar and pine, all snow-covered, and with one big fellow loaded with the packages and stockings that hold the donations of Mr. Claus and friends. Those wishing to witness the scene must take the 5 o'clock Riverview street car.

PASSED HAT IN CELL

Negro Musician's Ruling Passion Was

He had played "Away Down on the Swannee River" and away down on the Swannee River, and then W. L. Taylor, something else, and then W. L. Taylor, a blind negro "artist," was arrested last night on a charge of being drunk. He was taken in by Policeman Folkes, the guitar was also brought into the First Police Station. On it were inscribed the words "Best in Town," "Baby Ruth" and "The Hustler," all of which Taylor's ruling passion was strong in death. As he was led back to his cell he handed out his hat, and asked those assembled above him to put in a coin. They led him back, and soon he slumbered.

Injuries Prove Fatal.
Washington, December 27.—Mrs. H. F. Roberts, aged seventy-two years, who was run down by a bicycle, died to-night. She came with her husband from Norfolk, Va., a few years ago. She was prominently connected in that city. The funeral will be held in Norfolk Saturday.

Fireman Is Injured.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., December 27.—John Godsey, a fireman of the Virginian Railway, was run over by a locomotive at the Sewell's Point piers this afternoon and seriously injured. He probably will recover.

Rob Showcase.
Some one broke into the showcase of J. J. Miller, 214 East Broad Street, last night, and stole five caps. Police heard the sound of crashing glass, and chased the culprits for several blocks. But the thieves escaped.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair, much colder Thursday, with brisk west winds; Friday fair, continued cold.
North Carolina—Fair, colder Thursday, with brisk west to northwest winds; Friday fair.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature	62
P. M. temperature	53
Maximum temperature up to 8	58
P. M. temperature	64.0
Minimum temperature up to 8	39.5
P. M. temperature	49
Mean temperature	50
Normal temperature	59
Excess temperature	10
Deficiency in temperature	10
March 1	84
Accum. excess in temperature	43
since January 1	30
Rainfall last twenty-four hours	.01
Deficiency in rainfall since March	5.41
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since	5.68
January 1	5.68
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.	
Temperature	40
Humidity	75
Wind—direction	N. W.
Wind—velocity	17
Weather	Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther. H. F. L. T. Weather.
Ashville	38 42 38 Clear
Atlanta	32 44 32 Clear
Atlantic City	40 60 40 Cloudy
Boston	41 48 40 Cloudy
Buffalo	29 36 28 Clear
Calgary	10 0 10 Snow
Charleston	60 65 50 Clear
Chicago	14 24 14 Clear
Denver	20 32 8 Clear
Duluth	4 2 2 Clear
Galveston	46 50 40 Clear
Hartford	56 62 54 Clear
Havre	10 16 8 Clear
Jacksonville	54 68 54 Clear
Kansas City	20 20 12 Clear
Louisville	50 50 40 Clear
Montgomery	40 48 40 Clear
New Orleans	48 50 44 Cloudy
New York	48 50 38 Cloudy
Norfolk	70 70 48 Clear
Oklahoma	28 32 18 Clear
Pittsburgh	24 40 24 Snow
Raleigh	40 64 40 Clear
St. Louis	20 24 18 Clear
St. Paul	2 4 2 Clear
San Francisco	48 50 42 P. cloudy
Savannah	64 68 54 Clear
Spokane	30 34 18 Snow
Tampa	58 74 58 Clear
Washington	56 58 38 Clear
Wichita	12 18 10 Clear
Wynethville	26 41 36 Cloudy

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News of Ashland.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
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